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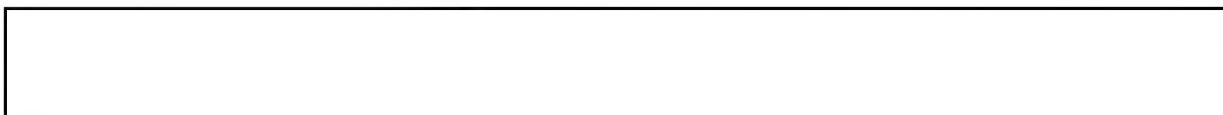
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South Vietnam: [The Buddhist antigovernment campaign is marking time as its leaders plan new moves]

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[] the brief hunger strike this week by monks will be followed by a larger one in which the public will participate. This demonstration is said to be scheduled for tomorrow at the Buddhist Institute in Saigon]

[Saigon's military governor, General Dong, however, says that he expects no serious trouble from the Buddhists this week end. He reasons that Buddhist leaders will avoid actions which could be construed as supporting the Communists, who on 20 December are marking the fourth anniversary of the Viet Cong's Liberation Front]

[Meanwhile, young generals are proceeding with steps to purge the military of several ranking officers. A regulation proposed by the young generals requiring the retirement of officers with 25 years of service is now before the government]

[Armed forces chief General Khanh yesterday ordered the creation of a military policy council--headed by himself and composed of the young operational commanders--to advise him on assignments, promotions, and disciplinary measures. According to a government announcement, the new council is to

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unify the armed forces and prevent abuses by self-seeking officers. The young generals may attempt to use this council to undercut Khanh's authority and extend their own influence

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NOTES

Belgium-Congo: Belgium appears increasingly anxious to get the other Western powers to share responsibility for technical assistance to the Congo. Brussels is having difficulty maintaining its present level of aid, and its willingness to assume a greater burden is being undermined by a serious financial dispute with Tshombé, domestic disenchantment over the Congo situation, and growing alarm over external support to the Congolese rebels. A recent suggestion by influential Belgian businessmen that the Congo problem be attacked in some kind of "multinational institutional framework" apparently reflects official Belgian thinking.

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British Guiana: (Ex-premier Jagan's "nonviolent noncooperation" with the new Burnham government appears to be aimed primarily at weakening British Guiana's economy. Acting on party instructions, his rural supporters have begun withdrawing their funds from banks--already to the amount of over \$2.3 million. Jagan's supporters also have been told to make no more installment payments on tractors and other large purchases, and will be advised not to make extensive preparations for the autumn rice crop. Jagan reportedly plans to ask Cuba to stop its substantial purchases of rice from British Guiana.)

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Canada: (The Canadian Parliament's approval of Canada's red and white, maple leaf flag removes from the public forum one of the most emotional of the divisive issues plaguing English - French Canadian relations. Prime Minister Pearson has won prestige by forcing adoption of the new flag as he had promised, but his gain may be dissipated as involvement of government ministers in alleged attempts at bribery and coercion continues to be investigated.)

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